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## DOUGHBOY MAJOR BECOMES CENTER OF A. E. F. PROBES

Major "Opley" or "Opie"  
Shot Down Two Men  
at the Front

## HE DENIES CHARGES

But Buckeye Soldier Writes  
He Had Corroborative Story  
to Support His Claims

## OFFICER WILL BE CALLED

Army Man Admits He Can  
Testify Without Incriminating  
Himself at Hearings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Corroborative evidence tending to support the testimony of Henry L. Scott, of Kenmore, Ohio, that major "Opley" or "Opie" shot an enlisted man "without provocation" during a battle in France, was handed today by Senator "Tom" Watson, of Georgia, to Senator Brandegee, chairman of the committee investigating Watson's charges that Yankees were indiscriminately killed by their officers in France.

## Shot Two at Front.

According to Scott's story, under the name of "Opie," who had been identified as Lieut. Col. H. L. Opley, major Opley, who was formerly a member of the 15th infantry, shot down two men at the front on two different occasions, one a sergeant who was seeking protection in a shell hole and the other a "runner" who was to have a message to Opley in the latter's demand.

Opley has issued a denial of Scott's charges and branded him as a "liar" by his own testimony.

The letter from Watson, as placed on the committee's records today and which is dated December 21 reads:

"I note in the press notices of this date, Major Opley, of the 15th infantry, makes sweeping denial of the charges preferred by Harry L. Scott, of Kenmore, Ohio, referring to the killing of two soldiers without provocation. I was a member of company F, 15th infantry and would like to go on record as saying:

"Saw Him Shoot Man.

"In the month of October, 1918, I saw Major Opley borrow a gun from an enlisted man and deliberately shoot him down."

## REAR ADMIRAL BARTON DIES

Paralyzed Fatal to As. of Many Naval Engineering Textbooks.  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral John Kennedy Barton, U. S. N., retired, died today in the Philadelphia naval yard hospital. He was 69 years old.

## THE WEATHER

TULSA, Dec. 23.—Maximum, 40, minimum, 20. Partly cloudy, with light rain in the morning. Wind, light and variable. Clear, with light rain in the morning. Wind, light and variable. Clear, with light rain in the morning. Wind, light and variable.

## Last Call Today

to take advantage of the Tulsa World's Annual Christmas Bargain Offer. Oklahoma's Greatest Newspaper can be secured by mail in Oklahoma and within 150 miles of Tulsa in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas, for the coming year at a big saving if you order now. Offer closes Dec. 24th. Use coupon below.

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THIS OFFER EXPIRES DEC. 24, 1921

## 'King' of Zion Issues Orders 'Killing' Santa

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Children of Zion, H. H. home of William Glenn Voliva's Catholic Apostolic church, will sleep peacefully tomorrow night with no awakening to hear reindeer on the roof or Santa Claus coming down the chimney.

For Voliva has issued a decree abolishing Santa Claus. The Kris Kringle myth has gone the way—down the chimney.

Zion children, however, will not lack Christmas toys. The same decree which consigned the patron saint of Christmas to the limbo of forgotten things also ordered that every child receive appropriate gifts. Only they are to be told the gifts are sent down from "above" to be distributed by fathers and mothers.

Parents too poor to buy were instructed to notify Voliva's headquarters and their needs would be supplied.

## ST. LOUIS TRACK TO BE ABANDONED

Corporation Commission  
Takes Action on the  
Railway Matter

## T. S. R. WILL EXTEND

Order Is Made After Very  
Thorough Consideration  
of State Board

The Oklahoma Union Railway company will clear up its tracks on St. Louis street and extend its proposed line east on Eleventh street. The Tulsa Street Railway company is to extend its line on South Quincy street from Fifteenth to Nineteenth streets.

This is the order of the corporation commission, stated in positive language by Chairman Campbell Russell, in letters received yesterday by City Attorney Frank E. Duncan, The World, Mayor T. D. Evans, the Oklahoma Union Railway company and the Tulsa Street Railway company.

The situation was "brought to a head" by a story which appeared a few days ago in The World in which it was stated that the mayor and commissioners had given the paving contractor permission to proceed with the paving of St. Louis street, such paving to be laid with an eight-foot vacant strip in the center until the corporation commission gave its decision.

It also quoted city officials as

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## Prince of Wales to Be

Boycotted by Indians

By Associated Press.  
CALCUTTA, India, Dec. 23.—A "hartal" (boycott) of an entirely passive character, lasting for 24 hours, was declared today for December 24, the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to the city. Instructions urge the public to refrain from anything which might lead to disturbance; no one should abuse, intimidate or retaliate, however great the provocation, and no one should go to the races or participate in any festivities.

## Ex-Princess Sued.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Alice Gouard, former Russian princess is defendant in a suit for \$100,000 damages for alleged alienation of the affections of Bruno Schill, sailed for Havre today on the liner La Savole. Schill is a European trade agent and his wife is known socially in California.

## WITNESS REFUSES TO GIVE ANSWER TO KLUX QUERIES

Freeling Obtains an Ad-  
journment of Ardmore  
Case to Look Up Laws

## STATE WANTS TRUTH

Doesn't Want to "Pry," but  
He Does Intend to Go Into  
Affair, Says Attorney

## KLUX BROUGHT INTO CASE

Caretaker of Lodge Building  
Tells of Seeing Men With  
Mysterious Bundles

By Associated Press.

ARDMORE, Dec. 23.—The preliminary trial of six defendants on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of three men at Wilson on the night of December 15, ended abruptly late today when Frank Bourland, former justice of the peace here, a state's witness in the case, declined to answer questions put to him by Attorney-General Freeling pertaining to the Ku-Klux Klan.

## Freeling Gets Adjournment.

After propounding 15 questions concerning the Ku-Klux Klan, only one of which the witness consented to answer, Attorney-General Freeling requested and was granted adjournment of the hearing until next Tuesday, to allow him time, he explained, to consult the statute on the subject.

He will consent to the defendants remaining at liberty on their present bonds, the attorney-general added, but in addition to continuing the present cases against the men until Tuesday, at that time, he said, he expects to bring an additional charge of murder under the riot statute.

Bourland was the last witness to be called this afternoon and, asked as to whether he knew anything about the meeting of the Ku-Klux Klan in their hall in the Odd Fellows lodge building, to supplement the prosecution explained, the earlier testimony of J. A. Brittain, chemist of the building, he declined to answer.

## Threatens Jail Term.

Then amid the chorus of objections to the question from defense attorneys, the attorney-general arose and declared that he thought the

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## BANDIT KILLED BY OFFICERS

Night of Crime in New York Results  
in Wounding Detectives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Two men, one of whom was killed and two police detectives were seriously wounded as the result of a series of holdups here tonight. Leon Sotile, wealthy cafe owner, was shot and killed by three masked men who were holding up the patrons of his cafe in the Bronx.

A short time later, two bandits entered a United cigar store in the Bronx and attempted to hold up the clerk. They were caught in the act by Detective Timothy J. Connolly and Randall J. McCarthy, who immediately opened fire, killing one of the bandits and wounding the other.

Another attempted holdup in the Bowery was frustrated when Abraham Edson, 27, put to flight two hoodlum men.

## MESSAGE FROM PERSHING

General Sends Christmas Greetings  
to All American Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—General Pershing has sent to the army publications this Christmas greeting to the American forces:

"Whether in peace or in war, it is the privilege and the duty of the soldier to uphold the glorious tradition of the past. During these times of uncertainty and difficulty, whether in or out of the army, the soldier must confidently and courageously do his part to hasten an era of understanding and peace. Our army stands for peace on earth, to men good will."

## Bandits Make \$12,000 Haul.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 23.—The State bank of Dupont at Dupont, Mo., was held up and robbed of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 by five bandits this afternoon. George T. Lindeman, and several employees, including one woman and several customers, were compelled to lay face downward on the floor while the robbers scooped up the money. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

## Texas Storm Warnings.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The local weather bureau tonight issued the following storm warning for the coast of Texas: "Advisory northwest storm warning 8:30 p. m. Texas coast east of Matamoros bay, nine miles and colder weather moving southward will cause strong northerly winds late tonight and Saturday."

## Arrested As Bank Robber.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The state banking department tonight announced that it has in custody in the Eaton, Ohio, jail a man giving his name as George O. Bates and residence as New Albany, Ind., who is alleged, confessed to posing as a state bank examiner with the intention of robbing the Farmers State bank at Eldorado.

Your Christmas Candy.  
Superior Tea Room, 114 S. Main.—Adver.  
tise ment.

## World Empty Stocking Fund To Gladden Hearts of Poor

Today's the day when gifts of boxes of many hundred needy will go messages of good will from generous-hearted Tulsans. In the form of food and gifts provided through The World empty stocking fund.

The past three days and this morning in packing baskets and of girl volunteers in selecting suitable gifts for each child will be completed by 10 o'clock Saturday morning, when 50 families whose addresses are uncertain and difficult to reach will begin calling for their baskets at the St. Bernard building one door north of the courthouse.

The other hampers will be taken to their destinations early this afternoon in care of the city's fire department, and to Sand Springs and West Tulsa in trucks. Use of automobiles for this purpose will be much appreciated by Humane Agent A. M. Welch.

Many additions yesterday to the number of beneficiaries to be compiled Humane Agent A. M. Welch to reconfirm addresses, doubling the order on certain articles. Wellcome was given 60 or more children's gifts donated in a group by boys and girls of a dancing class taught by Mrs. Milton Roe Schell.

Contributions flowed into The World office yesterday, despite the fact that the Empty Stocking fund

As previously reported, \$1,890.10  
Total to date, \$2,139.79

## CYCLONE SWEEPS TENNESSEE TOWN

Eight Known Dead Recovered  
From Wreck of  
Business House

## OTHERS ARE MISSING

Plantations Near Clarkdale  
Damaged; Several Are  
Unaccounted For

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Seven negroes and one white man are reported to have been killed and apparently a score injured in a storm which struck the town of Clarkdale, Ark., 17 miles northwest of here, late today and swept through several nearby farming settlements.

Payne Harrison, clerk in the general merchandise store of Banks & Dana at Clarkdale, which was demolished, was the only white man known to have been killed.

Mrs. B. B. Booker, whose home, six miles north of Clarkdale, was blown from its foundation, was among the injured.

Twelve of the injured, all negroes, were brought to Memphis hospitals tonight. All were caught under falling timber when the Banks & Dana store in which they had taken refuge from a rainstorm, collapsed.

All wires blown down, wires throughout the area swept by the storm were leveled and only meager reports have been received from outlying sections.

In addition to the eight persons reported killed in the immediate vicinity of Clarkdale, unconfirmed reports were received that several were missing and believed to be dead on the Kennedy, Willard and Hooker plantations, west of Clarkdale.

Mrs. Ed Kennedy and her four children are among those reported as unaccounted for on the Kennedy plantation.

At Clarkdale, the Banks & Dana store suffered the greatest damage. The building, a substantial brick structure, was wrecked. Other buildings were reported to have been only slightly damaged.

She told a coroner's jury, investigating the death of Earl Timmons today that she met him in Salt Lake City, Utah, a year ago and had been living with him for the past three months. Jewelry she possessed was said by the police to be part of the loot from a holdup.

According to Clyde Short, a holdup man, Timmons left her husband in Salt Lake City to come to Chicago with the dead man.

Alfred Timmons, a Chicago veterinary surgeon at the request today, identified the dead man as his son. As he stepped from the witness chair after testifying, he walked up the police station stairs and shot his son and extending his hand, said:

"I never thought I would shake the hand of the man who killed my son," he said, "but ever a killing was just this one was. You mercy did your duty and after all, it is better for my boy."

The inquest was continued until January 11.

## MRS. BRIDGEWATER FUNERAL

Services for Wife of Tulsa Newspaper Man at 10:30 O'clock Today.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel R. Bridgewater, wife of E. A. Bridgewater, sporting editor of the Tulsa World, will be held at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the Episcopal chapel, 300 South Boulder avenue. Rev. C. W. Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be at Rosehill cemetery.

Mrs. Bridgewater passed away early Thursday night at her home, 1115 West Second, death being caused by an ear infection. Word of her death was a blow for which friends were not at all prepared, as her illness had been brief and seemingly of a minor character and she possessed a fine constitution. Condolences came from every side Friday to the sorrowing husband and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Spitznagel of Vern. Sympathy of the sporting fraternity and newspapermen throughout Oklahoma was tendered to Bridgewater, who has a statewide reputation and whose wife was also known for her interest in sports.

## DEBS RELEASED FOR CHRISTMAS WITH 20 OTHERS

10-Year Sentence of Es-  
pionage Law Violator  
Expires at Once

## LESS THAN 1-3 I. W. W.

None of Those Given Free-  
dom Were Held for Sabot-  
age During the War

## BIG WELCOME FOR 'GENE'

Labor Unions at Terre Haute,  
Ind., Prepare Celebration  
for the Socialist

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 23.—"My husband is to be my Christmas present," Mrs. Eugene V. Debs, wife of the socialist leader, exclaimed with a tremor in her voice this afternoon when asked to comment upon the presidential clemency granted him.

"When he comes home, I just know it will be the happiest moment of my life."

## BY FRANK A. STETSON.

I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Official announcement was made at the white house late this afternoon that President Harding has commuted to expire at once that 10-year sentence which Eugene V. Debs is now serving in Atlanta federal prison for violation of the wartime espionage laws.

His Christmas Gift.

The commutation of Debs' sentence, as forecast earlier by International News Service dispatches comes as a Christmas gift to the noted socialist leader and will allow him to join his family in Indiana for Christmas, after nearly two years and nine months of imprisonment.

Simultaneously with the action in the Debs case, the white house also announced that presidential clemency has been extended to more than a score of other so-called "political prisoners" now serving various sentences for wartime violations.

The sentences in these cases were commuted to expire on Christmas day.

In addition to these were five American soldiers who were pardoned and released without finding any offense.

Less than one-third of those to whom clemency was extended are known to have had I. W. W. affiliations. All that were released had expressed penitence for their acts, according to the white house announcement.

None of them convicted of acts of sabotage against the government during the war were included in the Christmas pardon list.

Debs was not restored to the ex-CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE

## Fail to Indict After Probe of Negro Death

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 23.—The grand jury which has been investigating for 10 days the lynching of Fred Rouse, negro packing house strikebreaker, returned today its report this afternoon without finding any indictments. The report condemned mob law and recommended that the lynching investigation be continued by the next grand jury. Rouse was seized by a mob in a hospital taken to a nearby tree and hanged. He had previously been beaten by a mob in the strike district following the shooting of two strikers.

## Arrested for Selling Oil Stock to Soldiers

WAUKESHA, Wis., Dec. 23.—Dr. J. P. Norrie, executive director of the Rest Haven sanitarium, Waukesha, and Roy Jackson, a patient, were arrested today by Sheriff Keebler of Waukesha county on warrants charging sale of speculative oil stock to world war veterans at the institution without obtaining a permit from the railroad commission. Dr. Norrie is listed as president of the Disabled Veterans Gas & Oil company and Mr. Jackson is named as secretary-treasurer.

## POISON GAS ON REPTILES

New Method Found to Drive Rattlers From Rocky Fortresses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—and corps headquarters at Governor's Island today received from Huxum, Wash., details of an experiment conducted by the department of agriculture to rid the state of venomous reptiles by means of a mustard gas.

The gas was forced into a bed of lava rock which previously had proved an impenetrable fortress for rattlers. Soon there appeared snakes ranging from infants a few inches long to full grown nine feet in length.

Dazed and blinded, they easily were clubbed to death.

STANLEY & MCUNE  
General Directors, 426 S. Boulder. Phone  
G. 1522-1528. Ambulance service—A.M.

## Germany Might Make Her Gold To Pay Debts

By LUCKEN JONES.  
Special Correspondent Daily Express  
and International News Service.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The statement of Professor Fischer of King's College, London, that synthetic gold has already been discovered in Germany is correct, it was learned today. One gramme of the metal exists somewhere in a German laboratory.

The secret of the invention is being very carefully guarded. Only six men know the process. Synthetic gold cannot yet be made on a commercial basis, but the government is aiding in the experiments to this end. The experiments include the development of an electric vacuum furnace.

The discovery, if made commercially, might revolutionize the possible payment of the German reparations in synthetic gold.

## BAYS IS WARNED, HE ALSO SCOFFS

Is Told to Quit Raiding  
or Prepare to Take  
a "Working Over"

## NOT KLAN, HE BELIEVES

Note Written on Plain Paper;  
Investigator Avers Klan  
Uses Official Paper

A threat to quit his raiding or be ready to be worked on was carried in a letter received by County Investigator F. J. Bays Friday and purporting to be from the Ku-Klux Klan.

The letter was written with a typewriter on a small piece of note paper. It was signed by Klan No. 2. Bays received the letter in the morning mail. It came in a small white envelope fairly covered with red cross Christmas seals and written with pencil on the outside of the envelope were the words "Special delivery" and a seal of the post office.

Bays scoffed at the threat contained in the anonymous communication. He did not take the matter seriously.

Every letter which has been made public and signed by the Klan has been on regular stationery so far as I am able to learn," Bays said. "The Klan has special letterheads and a seal if I have been told right and I don't think, in fact I know that this note is not from them. It comes from a bunch of men or some man—bootlegger probably—crook undoubtedly, who objects to my activities."

"I am not worried about the matter," he said. "I have been told that the K. K. K. want the CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE

## Plot to Flood Chicago With Christmas Liquor

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Exposure of one of the most thoroughly organized liquor rings ever operated in Chicago was accomplished here today, according to federal prohibition agents following the arrest of three men and the confiscation of 21 barrels of whiskey. The liquor ring was exposed, according to federal agents after attempts had been made to bribe prohibition agents with a view to flooding Chicago with whiskey during the holidays.

## Rob Dewey Drug Store.

BARTLESVILLE, Dec. 23.—Two men, one of whom was masked, entered the Owl Drug store at Dewey at 9:30 o'clock tonight and while one held the clerk at the point of a revolver, the other took \$250 from the cash register.

## Many Christmas Features

will appear in the

## Sunday World

The Old-Time Christmas  
Remember the mysterious "doins" that used to take place around the house when you were a kid? This illustrated story brings to memory the days of real youth. It will be a good story to read on Christmas morning.

## The Dread Kalanaka Abysinski

S. W. Ross, The World's correspondent at Tahlequah, heart of the activities in the early days of the Cherokee, "comes through" with a story of a Cherokee legend which equals anything in fairy fiction. According to this story the Cherokees held in dread

fear these "raven mockers" who ate the hearts of the dead.

The Christ Child  
A full page of pictures of the infant Divinity, reproduced from the most famous works by the most talented artists by the world has produced since that night when the three wise men were guided to the manger.

Holidays at the Theater  
An illustrated review of what is offered in Tulsa for the season.

Departmental features and numerous stories of interest as usual.

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